

Municipality of North Cowichan Environmental Advisory Committee MINUTES

May 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Electronically

Members Present	Councillor Kate Marsh, Chair Neil Anderson Cam Campbell Bruce Coates David Coulson Per Dahlstrom Dr. Jana Kotaska Sandra McPherson Ashley Muckle Dr. Jesse Patterson Dr. Geoffrey Strong Dr. Shannon Waters
Staff Present	David Conway, Director, Engineering Projects Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist Shaun Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer
Others Present	Dr. Gordon McIntosh, Facilitator Jeremy Murphy, SSG Consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held April 20, 2021.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

Dr. Gordon McIntosh facilitated the business of this meeting and assumed the Chair.

4.1 CAEP Actions - Sorting, Prioritization and Responsibility Process - Part 2

The Committee reviewed the draft CAEP Actions list and prioritized the 'High' significance actions by assigning a Now, Next or Later priority to them.

Dr. Jana Kotaska and Dr. Shannon Waters left the meeting at 4:14 p.m., Dr. Geoff Strong left the meeting at 4:15 p.m., Bruce Coates left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be extended to 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Ashley Muckle left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends the following High Significant CAEP Actions be given a 'Now' priority and forwarded to Council for their consideration for 2021 implementation and when developing the Environmental Business Plan in future years:

Within Current Capacity to develop

1. **Official Community Plan** – Policy development consideration
 - a. Infill development (Item #1 on CAEP Action List)
 - b. Energy plan for new development (Item #4 on CAEP Action List)
 - c. Tree Canopy targets (Item #5 on CAEP Action List)
 - d. EV readiness requirement (Item #22 on CAEP Action List)
2. **Climate Lens for new development** – checklist & policy (Item #2 on CAEP Action List)
3. **Energy & Emissions Tracking System** (Item #42 on CAEP Action List)
4. **District Energy potential in hospital precinct** – meet with VIHA (Item #32 on CAEP Action List)
5. **Annual municipal tree planting target** (Item #38 on CAEP Action List)

Require staff work program changes or resources to retain personnel to undertake work

1. Facilitate **industry meeting** re: potential CAEP related efforts (Item #13 on CAEP Action List)
2. Review **revolving loan fund** (& alternatives) (Item #44 on CAEP Action List)
3. **CAEP Update** to consider:
 - a. Fair share carbon budget as a guide (Item #40 on CAEP Action List)
 - b. Strengthen presence of agriculture recommendations (New Item #45 on CAEP Action List)
 - c. Research practices – climate lens for decision making and strategic planning (Item #41 on CAEP Action List)
 - d. Regional Gas Tax (CVRD?) (Item #49 on CAEP Action List)

CARRIED

Councillor Marsh resumed the Chair.

5. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will include a presentation from Diamond Head Consulting regarding the Environmental Policy review and discussion regarding a Green Circular Economy Eco-Industrial Park concept.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 4:58 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair